

CORE JAVA MODULE 2 NOTES :

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➤ Module 2: Variables, Operators, Data Types, Input

No. Topic

- 2.1 Variables and Data Types (Primitive & Non-Primitive)
- 2.2 Type Conversion and Type Casting
- 2.3 Arithmetic, Logical, Relational, Assignment Operators
- 2.4 Unary, Ternary, Operators
- 2.5 Taking Input using Scanner Class
- 2.6 Wrapper Classes & Autoboxing / Unboxing
- 2.7 Interview Questions and Assignment

⇒ Module-2.1 : Real-World Analogy: Variables and Data Types

✧ Imagine: You're managing a kitchen shelf.

Each **container (dabba)** on the shelf holds something:

- One has **sugar**
- One has **rice**
- One has **salt**
- One has a **label**: "Chilli Powder"
- One is **empty**, but ready to be used

Now:

- Every container holds **one type of item**
- You **label** each one (so you remember what's inside)
- You can **change the content**, but the container type stays the same

Mapping to Java:

Kitchen Concept

- ◆ Container (dabba)
- ◆ What's inside
- ◆ Label on container
- ◆ Type of item allowed
- ◆ Empty container

Java Concept

- ◆ Variable
- ◆ Value
- ◆ Variable name
- ◆ Data type (e.g., int, float)
- ◆ Declared but uninitialized variable

✧ What is a Variable?

A **variable** is just like a **container** or it is a name given to a memory location that stores a value of a specific data type.

Example :

- ◆ **sugar** = 5;
- ◆ **nameTag** = "TATA Salt";

✧ NAMING CONVENTION:

```
// 1. Variable names should use **camelCase**  
int studentAge = 18;  
String studentName = "Jatin";  
  
// 2. Use meaningful, descriptive names  
int totalMarks = 450; // Good  
int x = 450; // Bad (not meaningful)
```

```

// 3. Start with a **letter**, **not number or symbol**
int _temp = 30;           // Allowed but avoid starting with _ or $
// int 2ndRank = 2;         Not allowed (starts with number)

// 4. No spaces or special characters
// int total marks = 90;    Not allowed (space)
// int total@marks = 90;    Not allowed (special character)

// 5. Java is **case-sensitive**
int number = 10;
int Number = 20;          // Both are different variables

// 6. Avoid Java reserved keywords
// int class = 10;         Not allowed (class is a keyword)

// 7. Constants should be in **ALL_CAPS**
final int MAX_SCORE = 100;

```

✧ **What is a Data Type in Java?**

A **data type** tells Java **what kind of data** a variable will store and **how much memory** to reserve for it.

Simple Definition:

It's like **telling Java**:

"Hey, this variable will store a number!" or "This will store text!" or "This will be true/false!"

Code : Demo:

```

public class KitchenShelf {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int riceKg = 5;
        float oilLitres = 1.5f;
        char spiceGrade = 'A';
        boolean isFresh = true;
        String brand = "TATA Salt";

        System.out.println("Rice: " + riceKg + "kg");
        System.out.println("Oil: " + oilLitres + "L");
        System.out.println("Grade: " + spiceGrade);
        System.out.println("Fresh? " + isFresh);
        System.out.println("Brand: " + brand);

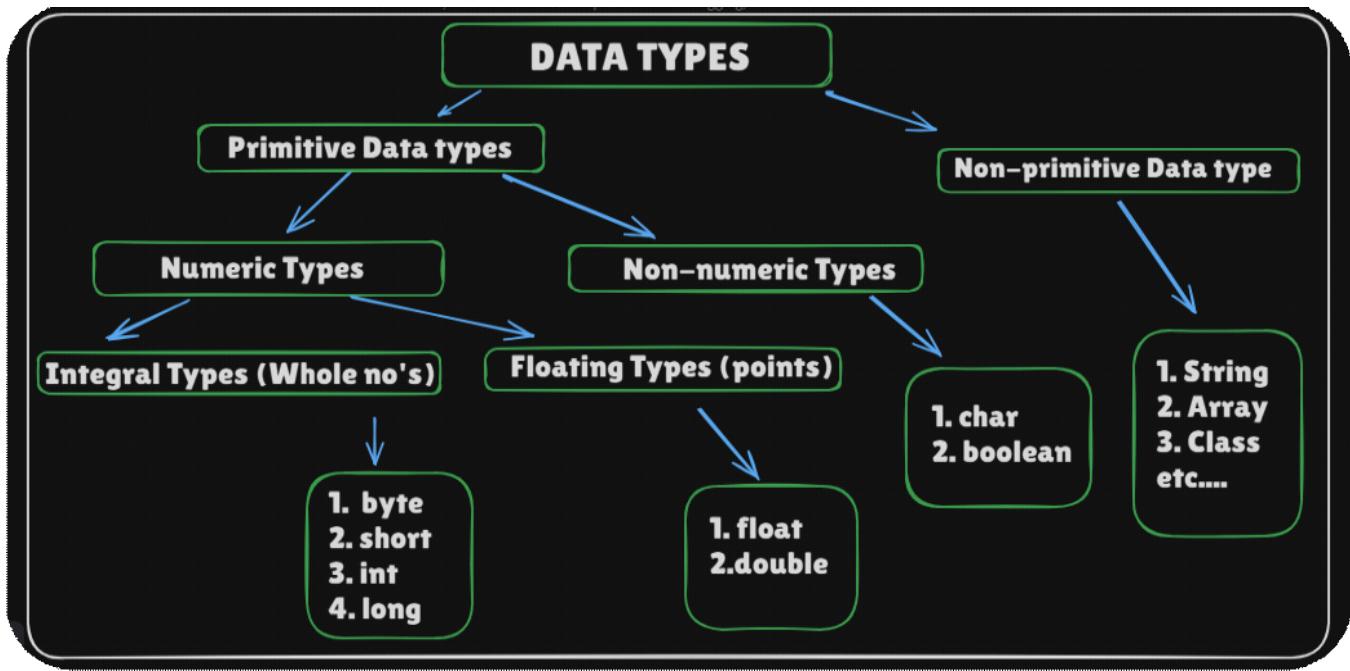
    }
}

// To find the max value of each data type : we have to use each datatype wrapper class:

System.out.println("Max byte   : " + Byte.MAX_VALUE);
System.out.println("Max short  : " + Short.MAX_VALUE);
System.out.println("Max int    : " + Integer.MAX_VALUE);
System.out.println("Max long   : " + Long.MAX_VALUE);
System.out.println("Max float   : " + Float.MAX_VALUE);
System.out.println("Max double  : " + Double.MAX_VALUE);
System.out.println("Max char   : " + (int) Character.MAX_VALUE); // Unicode value
System.out.println("Boolean has only: true/false");
}

```

✧ **Java Data Types Are of 2 Main Types:**



❖ **Descriptions of Each Primitive Data Type (8 Total)**

[1] byte

- **Size:** 1 byte (8 bits)
- **Range:** -128 to +127
- **Stores:** Very small whole numbers
- **Use when:** You need to store tiny values and want to save memory
- **Example:** Baby age in months (12), LED brightness level (0–100)

[2] short

- **Size:** 2 bytes (16 bits)
- **Range:** -32,768 to +32,767
- **Stores:** Small whole numbers
- **Use when:** Values are bigger than byte but still not huge
- **Example:** Height in cm (170), PIN codes, year
- **Tip:** Rarely used; only if you want to save memory compared to int

[3] int (Default whole number type)

- **Size:** 4 bytes (32 bits)
- **Range:** -2,14,74,83,648 to +2,14,74,83,647
- **Stores:** Normal whole numbers
- **Use when:** You want to store counts, roll numbers, salary, IDs
- **Example:** Student roll number = 101, Salary = 50000
- **Tip:** Most commonly used integer type

[4] long

- **Size:** 8 bytes (64 bits)
- **Range:** ±9,22,33,72,03,68,54,77,580 (very big)
- **Stores:** Very large whole numbers
- **Use when:** int is not enough
- **Example:** Mobile number, Population count, System time
- **Tip:** Use L at the end → long phone = 9876543210L;

[5] float

- **Size:** 4 bytes
- **Precision:** ~6 to 7 decimal digits
- **Stores:** Decimal numbers (less accurate)
- **Use when:** You need decimal numbers but want to save memory

- **Example:** Weight = 52.5f, Temperature = 36.7f
- **Tip:** Must add f at the end → float weight = 55.5f;

[6] double (Default decimal type)

- **Size:** 8 bytes
- **Precision:** ~15 decimal digits
- **Stores:** Decimal numbers (more accurate)
- **Use when:** You need accuracy like money or scientific data
- **Example:** Bank balance = 99999.99, Pi = 3.141592653589
- **Tip:** Use this for most decimal operations

[7] char

- **Size:** 2 bytes
- **Range:** One Unicode character (like A–Z, 0–9, ₹,)
- **Stores:** A single character
- **Use when:** You need to store only one letter or symbol
- **Example:** Grade = 'A', Symbol = '₹', Key = 'Y'
- **Tip:** Use single quotes → char grade = 'A';

[8] boolean

- **Size:** 1 bit (internally stored as 1 byte)
- **Values:** true or false
- **Stores:** Yes/No, On/Off, True/False
- **Use when:** You want to store a condition or decision
- **Example:** isLoggedIn = true;, isFresh = false;
- **Tip:** Perfect for if conditions and flags

❖ Difference Between Primitive and Non-Primitive Data Types

Feature	Primitive Data Types	Non-Primitive Data Types
1. Definition	Basic built-in data types provided by Java	Derived or created using classes/objects
2. Total Types	Only 8 (int, char, boolean, etc.)	Many (String, Array, Class, Object, etc.)
3. Stores	Actual value directly in memory	Reference (address) to object in heap
4. Memory Location	Stored in stack memory	Reference stored in stack, data stored in heap
5. Operations	Can do direct operations (+, -, *, /)	Need methods/functions to manipulate
6. Default Values	Simple default values (e.g., 0, false)	null (means no object assigned yet)
7. Null Allowed?	Cannot be null	Can be null
8. Size is Fixed?	Yes – depends on data type	No – depends on object (like String length, array size)
9. Examples	int, float, char, boolean, byte, etc.	String, Array, Class, Interface, Object
10. Created by?	Java Language (predefined)	Created using classes or APIs

⇒ Module 2.2: Type Casting (Type Conversion of Primitives)

❖ What is Type Casting in Java?

Type Casting means changing the data type of a value from one **primitive type** to another.

❖ Two Types of Type Casting in Java:

1. Implicit Type Casting (Widening Conversion)

- ◆ Automatically done by Java — safe and no data loss
- Small type → Bigger type

Example:

```
int a = 10;  
double b = a; // int → double  
System.out.println(b); // Output: 10.0
```

Real-life: Pouring a glass of water into a bucket — nothing spills

2. Explicit Type Casting (Narrowing Conversion)

- ◆ Done manually by the programmer with the help of cast operator (datatype):— may cause data loss
Bigger type → Smaller type

Example:

```
double x = 9.75;  
int y = (int) x; // double → int  
System.out.println(y); // Output: 9
```

Real-life: Pouring a bucket of water into a glass — it may overflow (data loss)

❖ if explicit type casting can cause data loss... then why should we even use it?

We use explicit type casting when we're sure that the value will fit safely into the smaller type — and we want to either:

- [1] Remove the decimal part on purpose

```
double price = 99.99;  
int rounded = (int)price; // Output: 99  
Useful when you want only the whole number (e.g., rounded scores, ticket counts).
```

- [2] Save memory

If you know your value is small (e.g., 0–100), why use int (4 bytes) when byte (1 byte) is enough?

```
byte level = (byte)20;  
Used in games, embedded systems, or apps with limited memory.
```

- [3] Match method requirements

Sometimes you use libraries or code where the method only accepts a smaller type like byte or short — so you cast to fit it.

```
sendData((byte)1); // method expects byte
```

REMEMBER:

Only use explicit casting when **you are 100% sure** that the value fits.
If not, it may lead to **wrong output or data loss**.

Line to remember:

We don't use it blindly — we use it **when we need control** and **know the risks**. That's what makes us smart programmers!

NOTE:

- ◆ What we learned today — Type Casting — applies only to **primitive types** like int, float, double, char, etc.
But in future, when we learn about **String, Arrays, and Wrapper classes**, we will also learn how to:
 - Convert "123" (String) → 123 (int)
 - Convert 10 (int) → "10" (String)

This is called **Type Conversion between non-primitive types**, and it's done using methods like `parseInt()` and `valueOf()`. We will cover that **when we study String and Wrapper classes** in upcoming modules.

Module: 2.3 : What is an Operator in Java?

An operator is a special symbol used to perform **operations** on variables and values.

In simple words:

An operator tells Java what to do with the data.

Types of Operators in Java

No.	Type of Operator	Purpose	Example
1	Arithmetic Operators	Perform basic math	+ - * / %
2	Relational Operators	Compare values (true/false)	> < == !=
3	Logical Operators	Combine multiple conditions	'&&
4	Assignment Operators	Assign values to variables	= += -=
5	Unary Operators	Work with a single operand	++ -- + - !
6	Bitwise Operators	Work at the binary level	'&
7	Ternary Operator	Shortcut for if-else	? :
8	Shift Operators	Shift bits left or right	<< >> >>>

1. Arithmetic Operators

Used for **mathematical operations**.

Operator	Meaning	Example	Output
+	Addition	5 + 3	8
-	Subtraction	5 - 3	2
*	Multiplication	5 * 3	15
/	Division	6 / 3	2
%	Modulus (remainder)	5 % 3	2

Real-Life Analogy:

Think of it like a calculator for your code. Want to split ₹100 between 4 friends? Use /. Want the leftover chocolate after dividing? Use %.

2. Relational Operators (Comparison Operators)

Used to **compare two values** and return true or false.

Operator	Meaning	Example	Output
==	Equal to	5 == 5	true
!=	Not equal to	5 != 3	true
>	Greater than	5 > 3	true
<	Less than	5 < 3	false
>=	Greater than or equal	5 >= 5	true
<=	Less than or equal	5 <= 2	false

Real-Life Analogy:

Just like comparing marks of two students — “Is A’s marks > B’s marks?”

3. Logical Operators

Used to **combine multiple conditions**.

Operator	Meaning	Example	Output
&&	Logical AND	true && true → true	true
	Logical OR	True false → true	true
!	Logical NOT (negation)	!true → false	false

Real-Life Analogy:

- Want to go for a trip? You need: money && permission
- Okay with any one? Then: money || permission

- Not a no-ball? Then count it: `!isNoBall`

4. Assignment Operators

Used to **assign values** to variables.

Operator	Meaning	Example	Result
=	Assign	<code>a = 5</code>	<code>a = 5</code>
<code>+=</code>	Add and assign	<code>a += 3 (a = a + 3)</code>	<code>a = 8</code>
<code>-=</code>	Subtract and assign	<code>a -= 2</code>	<code>a = 6</code>
<code>*=</code>	Multiply and assign	<code>a *= 2</code>	<code>a = 12</code>
<code>/=</code>	Divide and assign	<code>a /= 2</code>	<code>a = 6</code>
<code>%=</code>	Modulus and assign	<code>a %= 5</code>	<code>a = 1</code>

Real-Life Analogy:

Think of `=` as “give this value to this variable”. `+=` is like adding something to your bank account.

5. What are Unary Operators in Java?

A **Unary Operator** is an operator that **works with only one operand**.

In short: it does something to **just one value** — like increase it, decrease it, or reverse it.

❖ Types of Unary Operators in Java

<u>Operator</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>
<code>+</code>	Unary Plus	Indicates a positive value (rarely used)
<code>-</code>	Unary Minus	Negates a number (makes positive → negative)
<code>++</code>	Increment	Increases value by 1
<code>--</code>	Decrement	Decreases value by 1
<code>!</code>	Logical NOT	Reverses boolean value

❖ Each with Examples and Real-Life Meaning

1 Unary Plus `+`

Shows that the number is positive.

```
int a = +10; // same as just int a = 10;
```

Use case: Rare — usually numbers are positive by default.

2 Unary Minus `-`

Converts positive to negative and vice versa.

```
int a = 5;
```

```
int b = -a; // b = -5
```

Analogy: Flip the sign — like flipping a coin from head to tail.

3 Increment `++`

Increases the value by 1

❖ Pre-Increment (`++a`)

First increment then print

```
int a = 5;
```

```
int result = ++a; // a = 6, result = 6
```

◆ Post-Increment (a++)

First print then increment

```
int a = 5;  
int result = a++; // result = 5, then a = 6
```

4 Decrement --

Decreases the value by 1

◆ Pre-Decrement (--a)

First decrement then print

```
int a = 5;  
int result = --a; // a = 4, result = 4
```

◆ Post-Decrement (a--)

First print then decrement

```
int a = 5;  
int result = a--; // result = 5, then a = 4
```

5 Logical NOT !

Reverses a boolean value

```
boolean isRaining = false;  
System.out.println(isRaining); // true  
Analogy: "NOT Raining? Then let's go outside!"  
!false → true
```

6. What is the Ternary Operator?

The **Ternary Operator** (?:) is a shortcut for if-else in Java.

It's the **only operator in Java that takes 3 operands** — that's why it's called **ternary**.

Syntax:

```
condition ? value_if_true : value_if_false;
```

Read it like:

"If condition is true, then do this, otherwise do that."

Example:

```
int age = 20;  
String result = (age >= 18) ? "Adult" : "Minor";  
System.out.println(result); // Output: Adult
```

Real-Life Analogy:

Suppose your **marks** decide whether you **pass or fail**:

```
int marks = 40;  
String result = (marks >= 33) ? "Pass" : "Fail";
```

Ternary Operator vs If-Else

Using if-else:

```
if (marks >= 33) {  
    result = "Pass";  
} else {  
    result = "Fail";  
}
```

Using ternary (shorter & cleaner):

```
result = (marks >= 33) ? "Pass" : "Fail";
```

⇒ **Module-2.4 : Taking Input using Scanner Class**

Real-Life :

- Imagine a **teacher** (Scanner) asking a student to write answers (inputs).
- The scanner **reads the answers** and stores them in your variables.

What is the Scanner Class in Java?

Scanner is a built-in **Java class** used to **take input from the user**.

It is found in the package:

```
import java.util.Scanner;
```

Syntax to Use:

```
Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
```

Think of it like:

"Create a scanner object (sc) to read input from the **keyboard** (System.in)"

⇒ **Steps to Take User Input:**

1. Import the Scanner Class: To use the Scanner class, you must first import it:
2. Create a Scanner Object: Create an object of the Scanner class to read input from the standard input stream (keyboard):

Ex :

```
Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
```

Use Methods of Scanner Class: The Scanner class provides various methods to read different types of data:

- `nextInt()` for integers
- `hasNextInt()`: Checks if the next token is an integer.
- `nextDouble()` for floating-point numbers
- `hasNextDouble()`: Checks if the next token is a double.
- `nextLine()` for entire lines of text
- `next()` for a single word or token
- `nextBoolean()` for boolean values

CODE :

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class SimpleScannerInput {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);

        // 1. String (single word)
        System.out.print("Enter your first name (single word): ");
        String firstName = sc.next(); // reads up to first space
        sc.nextLine(); // to clear the buffer

        // 2. String (full line)
        System.out.print("Enter your full address: ");
        String address = sc.nextLine(); // reads entire line

        // 3. int
    }
}
```

```

System.out.print("Enter your age (int): ");
int age = sc.nextInt();

// 4. float
System.out.print("Enter your marks (float): ");
float marks = sc.nextFloat();

// 5. double
System.out.print("Enter your bank balance (double): ");
double balance = sc.nextDouble();

// 6. long
System.out.print("Enter your phone number (long): ");
long phone = sc.nextLong();

// 7. boolean
System.out.print("Are you vaccinated? (true/false): ");
boolean vaccinated = sc.nextBoolean();

// Print all values
System.out.println("\n===== Your Info =====");
System.out.println("Name : " + firstName);
System.out.println("Address : " + address);
System.out.println("Age : " + age);
System.out.println("Marks : " + marks);
System.out.println("Balance : " + balance);
System.out.println("Phone : " + phone);
System.out.println("Vaccinated : " + vaccinated);

sc.close(); // always close the scanner
}
}

```

⇒ Module-2.5 : Wrapper Classes & Autoboxing / Unboxing

Problem with Primitive Data Types:

Java has **primitive types** like int, float, char, boolean etc.

Example:

```
int a = 10;
 These are not objects, just simple data.
```

But Java is Object-Oriented!

Java works best with **objects**, and many features like:

- Collections (ArrayList, HashMap, etc.)
 - Generics (List<Integer>)
 - Frameworks (Spring, Hibernate, etc.)
- require **objects, not primitives**.

Real Problem:

You **can't do this**:

```
ArrayList<int> list = new ArrayList<>(); // Error: primitives not allowed
```

But this works:

```
ArrayList<Integer> list = new ArrayList<>();
```

✧ So What Are Wrapper Classes?

Wrapper classes are object versions of primitive types.
They “wrap” the primitive value inside an object.

<u>Primitive</u>	<u>Wrapper Class</u>
♦ byte	♦ Byte
♦ short	♦ Short
♦ int	♦ Integer
♦ long	♦ Long
♦ float	♦ Float
♦ double	♦ Double
♦ char	♦ Character
♦ boolean	♦ Boolean

✧ When to Use

Use Primitive

- ♦ Simple calculations
- ♦ Low memory required
- ♦ Performance needed

Use Wrapper Class

- ♦ Working with Collections
- ♦ Generics / Frameworks
- ♦ Null support needed

✧ Behind the Scenes: Autoboxing & Unboxing

Java makes it **easy** to switch between primitive and wrapper automatically.

◆ Autoboxing:

Converting **primitive → object** (wrapper class)

```
int a = 10;  
Integer obj = a; // autoboxing happens here  
Java does: Integer obj = Integer.valueOf(a);
```

◆ Unboxing:

Converting **object → primitive**

```
Integer obj = 20;  
int b = obj; // unboxing happens here  
Java does: int b = obj.intValue();
```

Analogy:

Imagine primitive types are like **raw food items**.

Wrapper classes are like **packaged versions** of those items — easy to deliver, store, and use in modern systems (like ArrayList or Java APIs).

➤ Interview Questions :

Beginner-Level Questions & Answers

No. Question

- 1 ♦ What are primitive data types in Java?

Answer

- ♦ Data types that store simple values directly (like int, float, char, boolean, etc.).

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| 2 | ◆ What is a non-primitive (reference) data type? | ◆ Data types that store references to objects (like String, arrays, classes). |
| 3 | ◆ How many primitive data types are there in Java? | ◆ 8 (byte, short, int, long, float, double, char, boolean). |
| 4 | ◆ What is type casting? | ◆ Converting one data type into another manually (e.g., double to int). |
| 5 | ◆ What is the difference between = and ==? | ◆ = assigns values, == compares values. |
| 6 | ◆ What is ++a and a++? | ◆ ++a is pre-increment (increases first), a++ is post-increment (increases after). |
| 7 | ◆ What is a ternary operator? | ◆ A shortcut for if-else: condition ? true_value : false_value. |
| 8 | ◆ How to take string input with space using Scanner? | ◆ Use sc.nextLine() instead of sc.next(). |
| 9 | ◆ What is a wrapper class? | ◆ A class that wraps a primitive in an object (e.g., int → Integer). |
| 10 | ◆ Why do we need wrapper classes? | ◆ To use primitive values with collections, generics, and Java APIs. |
| 11 | ◆ What is autoboxing? | ◆ Automatically converting a primitive into a wrapper object. |
| 12 | ◆ What is unboxing? | ◆ Converting a wrapper object back into a primitive. |
| 13 | ◆ How to take input from the user in Java? | ◆ Use the Scanner class from java.util package. |
| 14 | ◆ What does next() do in Scanner? | ◆ Reads a single word (until space). |
| 15 | ◆ What does nextLine() do in Scanner? | ◆ Reads the full line including spaces. |

Intermediate-Level Questions & Answers

No.	Question	Answer
1	◆ What is widening type conversion?	◆ Automatic conversion from smaller to larger type (e.g., int → long).
2	◆ What is narrowing type casting?	◆ Manual conversion from larger to smaller type (e.g., double → int).
3	◆ Example of type casting:	◆ double d = 45.6; int x = (int) d; → x = 45
4	◆ What will this print: int a = 5; System.out.println(++a + a++);	◆ Output: 12 (pre-increment = 6, post-increment = 6, then a becomes 7)
5	◆ Can you store a null in a primitive variable?	◆ No. Primitives can't hold null values. Only objects (wrapper) can.
6	◆ Difference between float and double?	◆ float is 32-bit, double is 64-bit and more precise.
7	◆ Why can't we use ArrayList<int> in Java?	◆ Java generics only support objects; int is not an object.
8	◆ How does Java convert int to Integer automatically?	◆ Using autoboxing (Integer obj = 10;).
9	◆ What happens if we mix nextInt() and nextLine()?	◆ It may skip input due to leftover newline characters.
10	◆ What's the difference between char and Character?	◆ char is primitive, Character is wrapper class (object version).

Expert-Level / Tricky Questions & Answers

No.	Question	Answer
1	◆ What is the memory difference between primitive and wrapper?	◆ Primitives are lightweight and stored in stack; wrappers are objects stored in heap (with extra metadata).
2	◆ Will this return true: Integer a = 100, b = 100; System.out.println(a == b);	◆ Yes. Because values -128 to 127 are cached.
3	◆ Will this return true: Integer a = 200, b = 200; System.out.println(a == b);	◆ No. Because values above 127 are not cached, and == checks reference. Use .equals() instead.
4	◆ Can we override intValue() method of Integer class?	◆ No. Wrapper classes are final — they cannot be extended or overridden.
5	◆ What will happen here? Integer a = null; int b = a;	◆ Runtime error: NullPointerException during unboxing.
6	◆ Can wrapper classes be used with collections?	◆ Yes. That's their main purpose. ArrayList<Integer> works.
7	◆ What are the default values of arrays?	◆ Primitive arrays → 0, false, '\u0000'; Wrapper arrays → null

- 8 ◆ Can we store mixed types in a wrapper class array?
- 9 ◆ Is Integer immutable?
- 10 ◆ What's the difference between int a = new Integer(5); and int a = 5;?
- ◆ No. Wrapper types are still typed, e.g., Integer[] only for Integer.
- ◆ Yes. Just like String, wrappers are immutable.

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